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## **Councilmember Chris Coleman says he's leaving office next year**

Ward Two City Councilmember Chris Coleman formally announced on November 20th that he will not seek a third term on the Council. Coleman, who was elected in 1997 and re-elected in 1999, said he wants to focus on family and business.

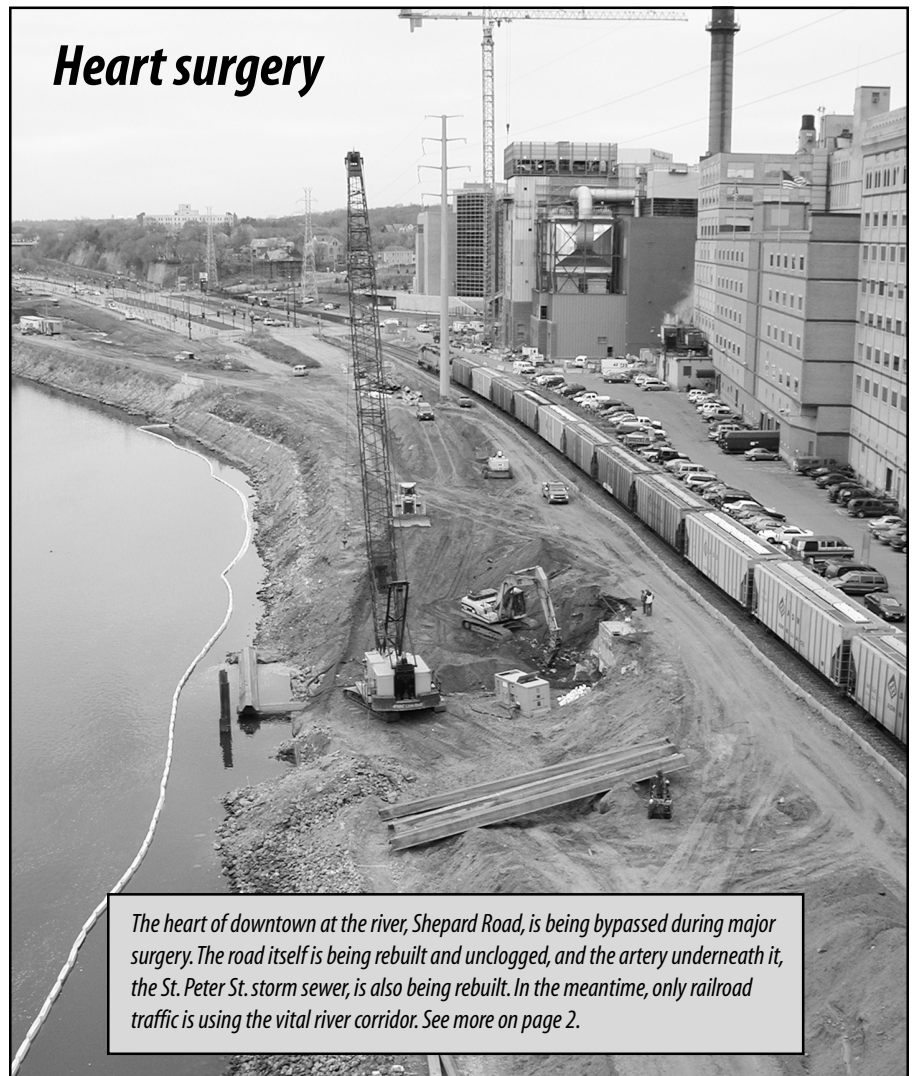
He said he hoped his early announcement would give ample

opportunity for a spate of talented potential successors to fully develop their candidacies.

Coleman said, "While I have been honored to serve the City of Saint Paul and the residents of Ward Two these past five years, I believe it is time to move on and focus on my

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## **Heart surgery**



*The heart of downtown at the river, Shepard Road, is being bypassed during major surgery. The road itself is being rebuilt and unclogged, and the artery underneath it, the St. Peter St. storm sewer, is also being rebuilt. In the meantime, only railroad traffic is using the vital river corridor. See more on page 2.*

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family and my business for the next several years. Between hockey, soccer, Destination Imagination, gymnastics, choir, and Harry Potter movies, being a father is my number one focus right now."

Coleman is an investment consultant at RBC Dain Rauscher where he specializes in working with non-profits, endowments and foundations.

It is in the area of housing that Coleman points to his most satisfying accomplishment on the Council. "When I first arrived on the Council, there was a great deal of talk about housing, especially affordable housing. We not only made housing the number one priority of the city, we made it a de facto requirement that at least 20 percent of all new units created are affordable to working families."

Coleman is widely known for not taking himself too seriously... and for being an unabashed fan of Bruce Springsteen. Before bowing to the conventions associated with announcements of this sort, he prepared statement for public release. For the uninitiated, it includes the titles of twenty-seven Springsteen songs.

"When I first decided to run for the City Council, it was **the river** that inspired me. I jumped **into the fire** of politics because I felt that you can't

just go **racing in the streets** complaining. You can't just be **waitin' on a sunny day**. It's up to each of us to play a role. Otherwise, **you're missing** in action.

"**Growin' up** in what I considered **the promised land**, I had **reason to believe** that the city's best days were ahead. It wasn't just **countin' on a miracle**. **Out in the street**, you could feel the difference. Some saw this town as **the badlands**. And, I admit, there was a **lonesome day** or two for those of us who were waiting for **the rising**. But where some saw **empty sky**, I saw **the promise** of cranes towering over downtown.

Some saw us as a place where everything shut down at 5:00. I knew we could be **open all night**. **The ties that bind** all of us who love this city, **the fuse** that sparks all of us to action, is the belief that this truly is **paradise**. We needn't be **blinded by the light**. Nor should we be fooled by some **brilliant disguise**. There are issues that we continue to face as a city. Our **brothers under the bridge** who have no home still call out for us to help them. Some of our recent immigrants are still **worlds apart** from the rest of us. We cannot rest until all of our citizens share in the hope and opportunity that is Saint Paul.

"**Further on**, I may return to public service. But for now, I want to spend time with my family and concentrate on my business. I would be a **nothin' man** if I didn't put my family first. **The price you pay** for being involved is that things get put on hold for a while. But for now, it's time to **prove it all night** that family is number one."

## Shepard Road surgery

Almost anyone who works Downtown knows that Shepard Road from the Science Museum to Jackson Street has closed since the month's beginning. It's closed for the final phase of the road's reconstruction.

The \$7.5 million project also includes the replacement of the St. Peter St. storm sewer outlet located beneath this segment of Shepard Road. The construction is starting now because work on the storm sewer outlet portion must be done over the winter months for safety reasons. The road reconstruction will begin next spring and be completed in fall of 2003.

In addition to completing the four-lane separation of the roadway, the design of this segment provides an additional 20-30 feet for bicycle and pedestrian trails and overlooks along the river's edge along with other enhancements such as landscaping, decorative street lighting, and pavement treatments.

The City has been working to rebuild and relocate Shepard Road, a four-mile stretch of roadway between I-35E and Jackson, since the mid-1980s. A great portion of the redesigned corridor has now been relocated away from the river's edge, allowing for new housing development and continuation of a regional trail system to take its place.

## City job openings as of November 27th, 2002

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
12/09/02	Building Inspector	\$28.66 per hr	12/19/02
Open	Civil Engineer III	\$1,971.86 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/13/02	Commander (prom)	\$2,277.85 bi-weekly	12/18/02
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,417.26 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/10/02	GIS Systems Developer	\$2,090.99 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/09/02	Impound Lot Supervisor	\$1,578.04 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
12/09/02	Librarian III (prom)	\$1,958.45 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard	\$8.20 per hr	See Job Ann
01/03/03	Parks & Recreation Assistant (seasonal/temporary)	\$5.50 per hr	See Job Ann
12/27/02	Ski Instructor I (seasonal/temporary)	\$7.50 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Senior Pool Attendant	\$9.79 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor	\$11.37 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor	\$8.72 per hr	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after November 21st, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.